Importance of salah, salat, islaah and dawah to non believers /muslims

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RELIGION OF PEACE & MERCY.SO HE LIKES TO
SPREAD THE MESSAGE OF ISLAM TO
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Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The basis of reasoning, after faith in Allah, is loving kindness toward the people." Source: At-Tabarani, Al-Mu'jam Al-Awsat, Number 6067

Abu Huraira reported: The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said, "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him not harm his neighbor. Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him honor his guest. Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him speak goodness or remain silent." Source: Sahih Muslim 47

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The benefits of Salah/salat/prayer performed in Islamic way. There are many benefits of Salah. There are 3 categories of the benefits of

performing the Salah/salat/prayer/namaz. 1st is the physical benefits because it's like exercising such as causing movements in the human body during performing the prayer or Salah in Islam. 2nd is the spiritual and mental wellbeing that connects with performing the Islamic prayer/Salah/salat/namaz. When a Muslim bows his head to god on the floor, this increases the blood flow in the brain and it's done in a short period of time and it's temporary so it's good for the brain and mental health. Research shows praying the Islamic Salah can help mental wellbeing. 3rd is it connects with god spiritually which gives Muslims unlimited sawabs and rewards which will help a Muslim enter jannah/heaven in akhirat/here after which is the final life after death and its forever. So Salah can keep a person both mentally and physically fit as well

as it will also help believers enter heaven because Muslims are fulfilling the commands of Allah and the purpose of life by worshiping & praying the mandatory the must pray the Salah's 5times a day by saying some verses of the holy Quran, remembering and connecting with the only true 1 god Allah the creator of all and everything.

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Excuses for not doing Dawah

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This article is especially for those Muslims who are living in non-Muslim countries. In General, it is for all those who have any contact with non-Muslims.

Definition of Dawah and Islaah:

Da'wah means a 'call' or 'invitation'; which means to invite non-Muslims to Islam as well as the Muslims to the true understanding and practice of Islam, but many a times, in context, it refers to the invitation of Islam extended to those who are yet to believe in or accept Islam.

'Islaah' literally means 'to repair' or 'to improve'. In an Islamic context, it refers to efforts to improve Muslims or to correct them.

Difference between Dawah and Islah:

Dawah in Arabic actually means an invitation and an invitation can only be given to an out sider. And in Islamic terminology, Dawah ul Islam means an invitation to Islam. When we speak about Islam to a non Muslim inviting to Islam it's called Dawah.

Many people even think when we speak about Islam to Muslim it's called Dawah and they use this term Dawah for both types of talk. Basically when we speak about Islam to a Muslim calling him closer or letting him know more about Islam the more appropriate word is Islah,

1.I do not have enough knowledge to do Dawah

This is one of the most common excuses given for not doing Dawah. The Prophet (pbuh) said

"Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence" (Sahih Bukhari, Vol.4, Hadith 667)

In those days, times were different. The access to knowledge was difficult. They did not have the media, there were no books written at that time on Islam. Today the times have changed and access to knowledge has become very easy. There are countless number of books written by Muslims. There are so many websites available. There are so many videos available. Every Muslim at least knows one verse, but you can do the job more efficiently if you master on one topic initially to simply begin. Lets say a topic like "Is Jesus"

God?" or "Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) in the Bible" or other religious scriptures or some other topic depending upon the person with whom you are doing Dawah. If you are interested, you can do it very easily its no big deal. All the material you can get for doing Dawah on this site. Or you can browse through the Islamic links section to find out more.

2.My own deeds are not too good, how can I do Dawah with others?

This is a nice statement to hear. This shows that how humble a Muslim is.

For those Muslims, who are not very good Muslims, doing Dawah will surely help you become better practicing Muslims. When you share something with others, you have the inclination to practice it yourself.

Your deeds are not really bad. The Christian missionaries who come to missionize the Muslims and people from other faith, they drink alcohol. Do you drink alcohol? No! So who is better, Are they better or you? They gamble. Do you gamble? No! So who is better, are they better or you? They are promiscuous. Are you promiscuous? No! So who is better, are they better or you?

When they can do the job, what is wrong with you? They have the falsehood with them. You have the Truth of Islam with you. So why can't you do the job? The non-Muslims today want to know about Islam especially after September 11, 2001. The situation has turned in favor of Islam. So do not miss the wonderful opportunity that you have.

Note: When I say about missionaries, I do not mean all of them but many of them do indulge in such things. Generally, Muslims

are more moral than the missionaries especially those who come from the West.

3.First we should make our own Muslims better Muslims, then we should do Dawah

This is one of the most common excuse given by Muslims who live in Muslim countries. Making Muslim, a better Muslim is called "Islah". It is important to make a Muslim a better Muslim, if he is not of the right track. Converting people is not in your hand. I know of "Muslims" who will not practice Islam even after you bring countless evidence and proofs to them. So you mean are you going to stick to them only and not move forward? Your job is to deliver the message to others. The Quran says

"Therefore do thou give admonition, for thou art one to admonish. Thou art not one to manage (men's) affairs. But if any

turn away and reject Allah, - Allah will punish him with a mighty Punishment, "
(Quran 88:21-24)

Dawah and Islah both are important at the same time. In Medina, at the time of the Prophet (pbuh) there were Muslims who did not use to come to the compulsory Prayers and the Prophet said "I feel like setting their houses on fire"

Even in Medina, there were such Muslims who were not good practicing Muslims. The Prophet (pbuh) did not say that I'll just make them good Muslims and stick to them only. Yet he wrote letters to other non-Muslim kings, asking them to embrace Islam.

If you say that, first I will make Muslims better Muslims and then invite non-Muslims. That time will never come. That time will not come in your entire life, nor will it come even in your next ten generations.

I am not saying that you should only do Dawah. Dawah and Islah both are important. But if you have less time than Dawah is MORE important because the non-Muslims are involved in the sin of shirk i.e associating partners with Allah. This is the most henious of sins. The Quran says

"Allah forgiveth not that partners should be set up with Him; but He forgiveth anything else, to whom He pleaseth; to set up partners with Allah is to devise a sin Most heinous indeed." (Quran 4:48)

So if you see a person who is involved in such a sin. He is going to hell for sure. If you are not going to stop that sin, then he'll surely go to hell. So doing Dawah is a compulsory duty upon every Muslim and is very important task.

4.My Dawah will not be affective.

As I mentioned, our job is not to convert people. Our job is to deliver the message of Allah. It is he who gives guidance. The Quran says:

"Therefore do thou give admonition, for thou art one to admonish. Thou art not one to manage (men's) affairs." (Quran 88:21-22)

Allah (SWT) will not question you on the day of judgment whether they became Muslims or not. But he will question whether you delivered the message or not.

5.Doesn't the Quran say "There is no compulsion in religion"

The Quran does say so. But it's not right to quote the verse in bits and pieces. The verse reads

"Let there be no compulsion in religion: Truth stands out clear from Error:" (Quran 2:256)

Your job is to deliver the message with wisdom and beautiful preaching. (Quran 16:125). Your job is not to convert people. A Muslim CANNOT force anyone to embrace Islam. You are supposed to deliver the Truth of Islam. The rest is up to them whether they accept or not.

6.Doesn't the Quran say "To you is your religion, to me is mine"

Again, it's the quotation out of context. Let's read this verse in context.

- 1. Say: O ye that reject Faith!
- 2. I worship not that which ye worship,
- 3. Nor will ye worship that which I worship.

- 4. And I will not worship that which ye have been wont to worship,
- 5. Nor will ye worship that which I worship.
- 6. To you be your Way, and to me mine. (Quran 109:1-6)

The Question of rejecting faith only arises when you present the faith in Islam to them. Your job is to deliver the message to them. If they don't want to accept. As a last, resort its "To you be your Way, and to me mine." Suppose if I see a Hindu doing idol worship. I'll try to convince him that it is wrong even according to the Hindu Scriptures such as Bhagvad Geeta 7:19-23 etc. But yet he wants to do. "To you be your Way, and to me mine"

So this is as a last resort NOT the first.

7. When we do Dawah, the non-Muslim says "mind your own business"

This is another common excuse given by the Muslims. The reply is, it is the business of every Muslim to mind other people's business where faith is concerned. Dawah is a compulsory duty of every Muslim. Therefore, when the person says, "mind your own business" He is right, that is what you are doing. You are minding your own business only.

8. The person gets hurt if I do Dawah, it affects the friendship, and I do not want to hurt anybody.

The Question arises, does it hurt you when you see your friend or anyone doing blasphemy? Don't you realize that these people are going to hell?

Doesn't it hurt you when they say that God has a son? The Quran says:

- 88. They say: "((Allah)) Most Gracious has begotten a son!"
- 89. <u>Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous!</u>
- 90. At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder, and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin,
- 91. That they should invoke a son for ((Allah)) Most Gracious.
- 92. For it is not consonant with the majesty of ((Allah)) Most Gracious that He should beget a son. (Quran 19:88-92)

Doesn't it hurt you when they give the worst swearing to Allah (SWT)? The Quran says that if the mountains had feelings and emotions like you and I have, they would fall in utter ruin, the earth will split asunder, the skies will burst. But what is happening to you? All you need to do is open your mouth.

Furthermore, it is a misconception that doing Dawah will break your friendship. The point is how your approach is. How good you are in your speech. How logical you are in your approach. If you start insulting his religion, that can make a difference but if you do it with wisdom and beautiful preaching inshallah you will not hurt anyone and your friendship to Allah should be much more important than the friendship to your non-Muslim friend. It is Our duty to remove the misconceptions about Islam and present the correct picture of Islam.

To conclude, it all depends upon how strong your Eeman (faith) is.

9. It will create provocation among the non-Muslims

Provocation is likely to be created if a person is a hater of Islam. Is this the reason that

should stop you from spreading the message of Almighty Allah?

Provocation is not the test. If this was the test, then our Beloved Prophet (pbuh) was a failure (Naoozobillah). The pagan leaders, who loved him before, became his worst enemies. Did it make him stop from what Allah had commanded him?

So provocation will be created among those non-Muslims who are haters of Islam, that should in no means bother, instead you should remain steadfast and practice what Allah (SWT) has commanded.

10. If Every Muslim becomes a Daee, then who will take other professions like Doctors, lawyers, engineers etc?

Doing Dawah is a compulsory duty of every Muslim. In the Glorious Quran, Allah (SWT)

speaks about full time Daees. The Quran says :

"Let there arise out of you a band of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong: They are the ones to attain felicity." (Quran 3:104)

Today it is a dire need of the Muslim Ummah. We have very few people who are full time Daees.

I am not saying that every Muslim should become full time Daee, but every Muslim can do part time Dawah e.g with your colleagues who you meet everyday in the office, with your friends who you meet in the school and university. While traveling, if you meet a non-Muslim or you can do Islah with those Muslims you meet, who are not good practicing ones. You can do it using media such as computer, internet etc. You can do it in many ways.

The Glorious Quran says

"Invite (all) to the Way of thy Lord with wisdom and beautiful preaching; and argue with them in ways that are best and most gracious:" (Quran 16:125)

May Allah (SWT) make your efforts successful! Ameen!

Which is more important – Dawah to Non-Muslims or Islah of the Muslim Ummah?

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The Ummah seems to be split into two extremes in this issue: Some say that we need to reform the Ummah first and they underestimate the importance of Dawah to Non-Muslims, while others claim the opposite.

Allah says in the Quran:

3:104 (the meaning of which can be translated as):

Let there arise out of You a group of people inviting to All that is good (Islam), enjoining Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and All that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding Al-Munkar (polytheism and disbelief and All that Islam has forbidden). and it is they who are the successful.

3:110 (the meaning of which can be translated as):

You [true believers In Islamic Monotheism, and real followers of Prophet Muhammad and his Sunnah (legal ways, etc.)] are the best of peoples ever raised up for mankind; You Enjoin Al-Ma'rûf (i.e. Islamic Monotheism and All that Islam has ordained) and forbid Al-Munkar (polytheism, disbelief and All

that Islam has forbidden), and You believe In Allah. and had the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians) believed, it would have been better for them; among them are some who have Faith, but Most of them are Al-Fâsiqûn (disobedient to Allah - and rebellious against Allah's Command).

Let it be known, that Al-Ma'roof includes all sorts of good deeds, the highest and greatest of which is proclamation of the Tawheed of Allah and Al-Munkar includes all sorts of evils, the gravest and most despicable of them being As-Shirk (associating partners with Allah).

So the command that Allah has given us, includes the responsibilities of Dawah and Islah collectively. The Madinan period of the Prophet's life gives us various examples, that while he was reforming the Muslim society, he

was also writing letters to kings inviting them to Islam.

When a governor complained to Umar ibn Abdul Azeez (May Allah have mercy on him) that due to large number of people accepting Islam, the Jizyah tax (tax paid by non-Muslims in an Islamic state) was constantly decreasing, the great Caliph replied: "Allah had sent down Muhammad as a guide, not as a tax collector", implying that it was a happy thing to hear that people are embracing Islam.

So the Ummah today is greatly in need of people who carry out both responsibilities without underestimating the necessity and importance of either of them.

Also, as the Prophet sallallāhu 'alayhi wa sallam (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) says: "God, His angels and all those in

the Heavens and on Earth, even ants in their ant-hills and fish in the water, call down blessings on those who instruct others in beneficial knowledge." [Tirmidhi]

"Convey from me, even one verse." [Bukhari]
The Prophet #in relation to this says:

"By Allah, if a single person is guided by Allah through you, it will be better for you than the best of camels." [Bukhari]

Additionally, Allah ssays Himself about the people that are successful:

"Let there arise out of you a group of people inviting to all that is good, enjoining Al-Ma'roof (Islamic monotheism and all that Islam orders one to do) and forbidding Al-Munkar (Polytheism and disbelief and all that

Islam has forbidden). And it is they who are successful." [Qur'an: Chapter 3, Verse 104]

Who would know better than Our Creator about what is success and those that are successful?

Allah (swt) Says: "Invite to the Way of your Lord (i.e. Islam) with wisdom (i.e. with the Divine Revelation and the Qur'an) and fair preaching, and argue with them in a way that is better. Truly, your Lord knows best who has gone astray from His Path, and He is the Best Aware of those who are guided." [Quran 16:125]

Allah also says "Who is better in speech than one who calls to Allah, works righteousness, and says: I am of those who bow in submission?" (Quran 41:33) Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said:"If Allah guides a person through you, it is better for you than all that is on the

earth." (Bukhari No. 2783 & Muslim No. 2406).Convey (my teachings) to the people even if it were a single sentence" (Sahih Bukhari, Vol.4, Hadith 667) "Therefore listen not to the Unbelievers, but strive against them with the utmost strenuousness, with the (Qur'an)". 25.52 Quran

Yet do they worship, besides Allah, things that can neither profit them nor harm them: and the disbeliever is a helper (of Evil), against his own Lord! 25.55 Quran

And I have sent you only as a giver of good news and as a warner. 25.56 Say: "No reward do I ask of you for it but this: that each one who will may take a (straight) Path to his Allah." 25.57 Al-Quran

"Verily, those who conceal the clear proofs, evidences and the guidance, which We have sent down, after We have made it clear for the people in the Book,

they are the ones cursed by Allah and cursed by the cursers."(Quran, al-Baqarah: 159) Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said: "For Allah to guide one man through you is better for you than all that the sun has shined over". The Prophet (PBUH) has said: "Whoever guides [another] to a good deed will get a reward similar to the one who performs it."
[Saheeh Muslim]

Conclusion: Dawah is as important as wajib and it's the biggest sunnah of Prophet Muhammad pbuh and it was fard/farz for our prophet and for all the prophets of Islam. After Prophet Muhammad pbuh the khalifas and sahabas continued dawah so we Muslims must unite as one ummah and continue the

dawah to non-Muslims the biggest sunnah of Islam.

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